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## *Standard of Excellence For Woman's Missionary Union.*

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- 1 At least twelve meetings a year with a devotional exercise and a definite missionary program.
- 2 An increase in membership during the year of at least 25 per cent of the number enrolled at the beginning of the year, until all of the women of the church are enrolled.
- 3 An increase in gifts of no less than ten per cent of the preceding year's contribution.
- 4 Regular quarterly reports should be made to the Corresponding Secretary.
- 5 One of the following papers: "Foreign Mission Journal," "Home Field," "Our Mission Fields," or the "Calendar of Prayer" subscribed for in at least one-half the homes represented in your Missionary Society, the ultimate aim being one in every home.
- 6 Observance of the special seasons of prayer and gifts for State, Home and Foreign Missions.
- 7 At least one mission study class during the year.
- 8 Some definite, organized personal service for the spiritual uplift of your own community conducted by the members of your Society under its oversight.
- 9 An average attendance at the twelve meetings of a number equal to two-thirds of the Society's membership.



### A Chronicle of Mission Work Among the Baptist Women of Mississippi from 1837 to 1893.

By Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

The writer of these annals deems herself fortunate in having secured, through the courtesy of Mrs. A. J. Aven, copy of a paper prepared by the late Mrs. A. J. Quince, entitled, "Reminiscences of Pioneer Work in Missions Among Baptist Women."

Mrs. Lemichucke says that as early as 1837, the ladies of the Brandon Baptist Church were organized into a missionary society, and that they sent their pastor, Rev. T. S. N. King, to the meeting of the State convention, for three successive years. The Armstrong Society, at Columbus, Miss., came into being in 1838, and ever since has been a powerful working force in that church.

The Baptist women of Jackson, Miss., were banded together to do mission work in 1848. Before the civil war a young Baptist woman went with her husband to Greenville, Miss., where there was no church of her faith. She did Christian work in churches of other denominations, but all the time yearned for a home among her own people. At last she formed an "aid society," here if the only member, and made many beautiful fancy articles from which she realized the sum of two hundred dollars, and afterwards, with the aid of others, was able to secure the services of young preachers to hold worship in her home. This was the mustard-seed from which has sprung the wide spreading branch in that city. In those early days the church at Oxford was a very feeble band, having worship only a part of the time in a small poorly situated house.

At one time when they had no pastor, the sisters pledged themselves to make special prayers for the church at a certain hour every day. Then they met for a concert of prayer, in the home of an aged, afflicted sister. The answer came. An earnest, faithful man of God was sent to be their pastor. The Christian women labored with their hands, in an aid society and were able to assist the brethren in repairing their houses of worship. The Baptist State Convention met with that church in 1874, and those sisters gave Dr. Boyce one hundred dollars for the secretary at Greenville, S. C. Brother H. F. Sproles entered upon his first pastorate at Carrollton in 1870, having not long before finished his work of preparation at the seminary. The ladies of the flock caught the spirit of enthusiasm for foreign missions, from the young pastor, and organized a missionary society. Soon the fire was communicated to other towns. Societies were formed at Duck Hill, Valdez, Goodman, West Station, Winona, Mount New, Kosciusko, and these, with Carrollton, formed a union, pledging themselves to support for five years a Bible woman, Mrs. Sun, of China, and to build a chapel at To Hal.

Mrs. Mary Anderson, of West Station, was the first president. Miss Florence Doty and Mrs. R. A. Coburn were secretaries. The societies at Columbus and at Jackson took part in the work also. When the convention met at Hazlehurst in 1875, Secretary Walne made special mention of ladies' societies in his report, saying: "They are the most efficient helpers in our work and your board urges every pastor, if he wishes to give his aid in the great work of giving the Gospel to the destitute, that he organize a ladies' society forthwith." The convention at Starkville in 1877, made a report on woman's work expressing satisfaction at what the sisters had done; and urging that they be encouraged in further efforts. At a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, held in Nashville, May, 1878, Dr. H. A. Topper, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, was instructed to appoint a central committee of ladies in every southern state, whose duty it should be to enlist their Christian sisters in the work of giving the Gospel to the heathen. Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Mrs. A. J. Quince, of Ox-

ford, were appointed president and secretary, respectively, with the power to fill out the committee with seven other names. The original committee is as follows: Mrs. W. T. Webb, Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, Mrs. R. N. Hall, of Crawfordville; Mrs. Z. T. Leavell, Mrs. Mattie Nelson, Mrs. W. H. Carothers, Mrs. A. J. Quince, and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, of Oxford. An epidemic of yellow fever in our State, during the summer of 1878, made it impossible for the officers of the committee to take any steps toward the furtherance of this work, until late in the autumn. An extended letter was prepared and widely circulated, setting forth the nature of the work, and urging the enlistment of Baptist women. Mrs. Quince wrote many personal letters to pastors and ladies prominent in Christian work. There was no provision made for printing or postage, and the two officers of the committee were responsible for whatever expense was incurred.

The reports at first were sent annually, and the funds to the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

The first report, sent in 1879, contained the names of fifteen societies, and the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars and ninety cents was forwarded. During the first eight years of organized work the number of societies gradually increased until there were one hundred on the roll, though only about one-third sent in reports.

In 1880 Dr. Tupper requested the secretary to furnish quarterly reports, and these were printed in the woman's page of The Baptist Record.

The first woman's meeting was held in 1879, at Grenada, during the session of the State Convention.

In 1881, Mrs. Janie Sanford, now Mrs. Graves of Canton, China, began her work among the Chinese of San Francisco. About the same time Mrs. Mattie Nelson went to New Orleans as a city missionary, having with her as helpers, Miss Emma Gardner, now Mrs. R. Hackett, and Miss Cora Montgomery, of Starkville. The same year was marked by the beginning of a good work on the part of one of God's faithful children. Mrs. Mary Ratliff, of Raymond, was requested by the convention to undertake the raising of a fund for the erection of a four-room cottage, on the campus of the college, for the use of ministerial students. She entered upon her duties enthusiastically and was permitted, in due time, to see the young preachers domiciled in their home. The Southern Baptist Convention determined, in 1885, to surrender the conduct of woman's work to the several State boards. Accordingly, the central committee passed into the hands of the newly-appointed "Convention Board." The plan of appointing associational vice-presidents had its beginning at this time, also. Two consecrated women gave themselves to the foreign mission work, during 1885. Mrs. Justa Greer became the wife of Mr. David, and went with him to Africa, and Miss Emma Fox went to Brazil as the wife of Mr. Ruthuff. After the location of the convention board at Jackson, the president and secretary of the central committee being convinced that the officers of that committee ought to reside in the same town as those of the board, presented their resignation at the meeting of the convention in Meridian, July, 1886. Miss Marion Buckley, now Mrs. Longino, was chosen as president, and Mrs. Minnie C. Dameron, secretary. Mrs. Longino remained in office only one year, presenting her resignation to the convention at Oxford in July, 1887.

Her successor was Mrs. Adella M. Hillman, and Mrs. Dameron retained her place as secretary.

Mrs. Hillman entered upon the work with the ardor and enthusiasm which was characteristic of her nature. Her brilliant, cultured intellect enabled her to write forcibly in the interest of woman's work, while remarkable talent for systematizing led her to conduct the business with such care that a copy of every

document sent out by the committee, as well as every one received, was placed on file. She received no financial help from the board, yet she was unsparing in the use of her own means, even employing a young girl for much of her time, to do clerical work.

Under Mrs. Hillman's wise and efficient administration, woman's work prospered greatly, the number of societies on the roll reaching four hundred. Mrs. S. A. E. Bailey, of Jackson and Mrs. Adella M. Hillman of Clinton were sent as delegates to the woman's meeting held during the session of the Northern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., May 11, 1888.

The special object of the meeting was to consider the subject of a general organization for woman's work.

A majority of the states, represented by their delegates, voted in favor of the organization, and "Woman's Missionary Union" was formed. Mrs. Hillman was a member of the committee appointed to select a name, and to prepare a constitution.

She did not, however, vote for organization, as she thought it the part of prudence to refer the matter to the convention board and central committee, before taking such an important step. The Convention Board met in Jackson on July 18, and voted unanimously in favor of the new organization, as did also the central committee. Mrs. Hillman always referred with satisfaction to the following telegram, sent by herself to the officers of Woman's Missionary Union: "Mississippi Baptist women have wheeled into line."

The following figures will show the amount contributed by the societies during the first ten years of woman's organized work in Mississippi:

1879	.....\$	116 90
1880	.....	236 63
1881	.....	705 68
1882	.....	622 36
1883	.....	1,448 86
1884	.....	2,109 63
1885	.....	2,295 77
1886	.....	1,257 82
1887	.....	4,902 93
1888	.....	6,006 38

In 1893 Mrs. Hillman felt it her duty to resign her important position on account of Dr. Hillman's failing health. There was at Clinton a noble young Christian woman who had been sitting at Mrs. Hillman's feet as learner and valued helper, during these years of her administration. It was eminently fitting, therefore, that Mrs. Mary B. Aven should be chosen as president of the central committee. Mrs. Rebecca P. Sproles accepted the position of secretary.

In closing these brief and incomplete annals the writer will record the names of three Christian women who were called to their reward: Mrs. R. N. Hall, of Cliftonville, died July, 1884. She was one of the pioneer mission workers in our State, and was possessed of unusual gifts of mind and heart, using often her facile pen in writing pleasing and helpful stories for young people.

Mrs. W. M. Berry died at Cherry Creek in 1886. She was one of the faithful laborers in her church, and her beaming face was greatly missed when the sisters gathered in their annual meetings.

Mrs. Dr. McWilliams, the efficient secretary of Blue Mountain Society, died in 1885.

Mrs. E. D. Crawford, of Atlanta, who was Miss Carol Gray, was the first Sunbeam enrolled in the State of Mississippi. Mrs. Crawford is the daughter of the secretary of the Home Board, Dr. B. D. Gray. She is now leader of the Y. W. A's of Ponce de Leon church, Atlanta.

Someone said: "The finger of scorn is not found on the helping hand."

### The Duties of W. M. U. Associational Vice-Presidents.

By Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Vice-President for Central Association.



Mrs. P. I. Lipsey.

"If to do were as easy as to know how to do, poor men's cottages were kings' parlors," said a wise man, and in touching upon these duties which devolve upon us, I feel that I speak to myself as well as to you, and that we must all go on together to their fulfillment.

The usual interpretation of the associational vice-president's office is the supplying of the societies with quarterly literature and other aids to missionary activity, the establishment of new societies and the holding of the annual meeting for the benefit of the women of her association. With regard to the first item, let the literature be sent regularly, promptly and thoroughly, no small society omitted, and nothing allowed to interfere with the quarterly work. Keep a careful record of all reports, that you may be able to turn to them with ease and confidence upon call, and answer every letter of inquiry the day it comes, if possible. Hold yourself the servant of the societies, and be always ready to supply them with information needed, or with personal service, as in organization of new societies or presence at some special meeting. Of course, this implies a thorough acquaintance and sympathy with missionary endeavor, and calls for a "missionary drawer" or box somewhere in your home, full of leaflets, papers and inexpensive books on mission topics. Many of these are free, and may be obtained upon request from headquarters; many others may be bought for a few cents apiece. Here also I would advise you to keep all the letters which come to you from the sisters, whether of inquiry, request, direction or suggestion, for often you will find in them the very idea you are looking for. Make careful study of the "Foreign Mission Journal," "The Home Field," and the missionary collaborators of your State paper, for these will give you the last reports from the field. Do not stress too constantly the thought of giving, for this will be the natural response from Christian hearts when they are filled with the needs of the work. Lastly, establish a personal communication with the sisters, wherever practicable, and it seems to me frequently both practicable and helpful. Don't think of them as names at the close of short letters; they are Christian women with home duties that help or hinder them, many of them with husbands and children more or less like those you are so fond of, and in their lives and yours is much of common ground upon which you can meet. Lasting friendships may be formed in this way, and the Lord's work will be set forward as it never could be by a formal and perfunctory correspondence.

After all, what is at the center of all our efforts, and what should be the motive power in all we do? It is love—love for Him who died for us, love for those who have never heard of His atoning sacrifice, love for our co-workers in sending abroad His Gospel. Let it be also a strong tie binding us together.

### Armstrong Society, W. M. U., Columbus, Mississippi.

By Mrs. E. T. Sykes.

The Armstrong W. M. U. is coeval with the First Baptist Church of Columbus, dating its organization 1822.

Before the church house was built in 1829, the meetings, as well as worship, were held in the Masonic lodge, situated on the Blewett homestead lot, now owned by Miss Mary B. Harrison and Mr. Blewett Lee. The money contributed to missions was placed in the general fund, to be used by our deacons as they thought best. The names to be found on the earliest record are Blewett, Whitfield, Harrison, Armstrong, Pouncy, Campbell, Krockner and Aurelius Jones. From mother to daughter descended the zeal and work until the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention; when the same true spirit moved upon them to fall into line auxiliary to that great body. The society owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Tichenor (afterward our beloved pastor), our secretary for years of the Home Mission Board in giving purpose to our efforts and fervor to our spirit. He paid us a visit during the Southern Baptist Convention held here in 1878. Our name honors the faithful wife of one of our pastors, Brother Armstrong, who married Miss Parmelia Pouncy, and passed away in our service, while the wife adorned every sphere of Christian life for many years. Her grandchildren are in our midst today.

The organization of the W. M. U. brought another change, which was readily adopted, and now furnishes the best available method to carry on the Master's work.

Mrs. John P. Kreckner was our president for many years until called to her reward in 1877. Mrs. E. T. Sykes was then elected to fill this position, though at various periods Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Sr., Mrs. Burris, Mrs. D. M. Richards and Mrs. Thomas have rendered valuable assistance. Mrs. Bettie Gaston, all these thirty-five years, served as secretary and treasurer, and is still our treasurer.

The officers of our society today are Mrs. E. T. Sykes, president; Mrs. D. M. Richards, vice-president; Mrs. O. R. Griffin, secretary; Mrs. Bettie Gaston, treasurer.

### The Hazlehurst Union.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hazlehurst Church has adopted the plan of holding quarterly mission meetings in the homes, and as this is the home of the associational vice-president, inviting representatives from all the societies of the association. At this meeting the offering for the quarter is made. The foreign mission meeting was held in the home of Mrs. J. D. Granberry; the home mission meeting at Mrs. A. E. Ainsworth's in April. The State mission meeting will be the last Monday in August, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Covington, and the educational meeting, the last Monday in November at Mrs. J. I. Coney's. Interesting programs are arranged bearing on the subjects to be discussed, and usually one of the State workers is with us. Mrs. McComb was unavoidably detained from the foreign mission meeting. Mrs. Edgar Godbold added much to the home mission meeting and Mrs. Lipsey will be with us at the State mission meeting, and Miss Margaret Lackey at our educational meeting. Special music is a feature of the program, and simple refreshments are served. Better attendance and deeper interest and larger offerings are the results of these meetings and they are looked forward to with much interest.

### Mrs. Hillman's Services to the W. M. U. in Its Early Days.

By Mrs. J. D. Granberry.

Not being able to find a record of the work done by Mrs. Adella M. Hillman during the formative period of the W. M. U. of the State, I can only depend on the general knowledge I may have of the work at that time to tell of the part she had in bringing it to the phenomenal success it has reached today.

First, it will not be out of place for me, one of the old "State girls," to here pay a loving tribute to the memory of this noble woman.

I was a student at "Central Female Institute," as it was then called, for four years, during the administration of Dr. and Mrs. Hillman, and while the old school was the best in the State.

Associated daily with Mrs. Hillman, I was thus enabled to see her many excellent qualities of mind and heart, and while appreciating them more after I was a woman of experience myself, her paramount virtues impressed me then as few ever have.

Her powerful intellect and wonderful executive ability; her thoroughness of details, firmness in discipline, were characteristics that impressed us all. Back of all seeming austere-ness, her great loving heart beat in appreciative sympathy with every honest effort to reach her standard of excellence, and no more loving approval was ever given one, than she accorded those who succeeded.

High ideals and lofty aims were ever held before us, and both by precept and example were we inspired continually by the loftiness of her purpose, the genuineness of her aspirations. Failure was not in her vocabulary, and nothing short of the best was too much to expect from "her girls."

Her day was before the time of stressed sanitation as it is proclaimed throughout the country today, but even then with her, it was an instinct, and cleanliness to perfection was demanded of all within the radius of the school. Order, system, punctuality and thoroughness were virtues that impressed all, and the influence of which will tell in the home life of the girls who touched her life, for generations to come.

Possessing all of these characteristics, it was only natural that she should be chosen as the president of central committee at a time when the work was only just begun and when it needed a woman of her superb qualifications to push it to success.

Unstintingly, she gave her entire time, doing the work of both president and secretary, without remuneration. The work was not so well organized as now and dealing with the individual society instead of working through the vice-presidents, added much to her labors, but the enormity of the task only stimulated her master mind to grasp the situation and leave no stone unturned to reach all with the helpful suggestions and suitable literature she was ever ready to give.

The broad experience gained by her administration for so long as lady principal of Central Female Institute served her well in her new work. With remarkable precision she looked after the minutest detail of the work, and no one ever appealed to her for help that did not receive it in Bible proportion—"pressed down and running over."

Her useful life has long since ceased, but the influence from it will live on until

"Ages upon ages roll,

And the great Judgment Book unfold."

Though the happy comradeship that expressed itself in human speech and contact is at an end, those qualities which are the deathless and immortal part will dwell forever with us in memory, a vital positive influence for good, a continual inspiration and incentive to high endeavor and we can no longer feel we have been wholly impoverished by her going.



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## EDITORIAL

Mrs. T. J. BAILEY.

## ALL OUR OWN.

When Dr. Lipsey first mentioned getting out a special number of The Baptist Record devoted to woman's work, we very readily agreed with him that it would be a good thing; but when he suggested that we take charge of it and get up the whole issue, it almost took our breath. The idea did not seem so bright as at first. However, after considering the matter carefully, we decided to lay it before the Central Committee and abide by their decision. They readily accepted Dr. Lipsey's kind offer of the pages of the Record, and also assured us of their help and co-operation in every way possible. This they have done most faithfully. The purpose of this special number is to give out helpfulness, information and encouragement. In the pages of this issue are given sketches of work done by some of our early workers, minus the discouraging and opposing features of women's societies during the early days of launching the W. M. U. in our State.

In it will also be found how we do our work; how every department is carried on. Our aims and our ambitions are set before our women simply with the hope of helping and doing somebody good. If we have succeeded even in a small way in doing this, we shall thank God and be glad of the opportunity of being counted even one of the least of His workers.

## WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS.

We take this method of expressing our appreciation of the help given us in getting out this issue.

In almost every instance where we asked for an article or information, it was given cheerfully. We know this meant self-sacrifice to some of our mothers and housekeepers during this hot weather when company fills the home and when the little folks need the mother's constant care. From the depths of our hearts we thank each and every one of you for your timely aid. We would especially thank Miss Lackey for her untiring help and thoughtfulness in looking after matters during our recent illness. We pray God's blessing may attend each message sent out to our women over the State, and inspire them to do greater things for the Master.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD

### Digest of Associational Vice-Presidents.

A few weeks since, a letter was sent to our associational vice-presidents asking for a digest of their work. Quite a number responded, some at length, and all with good letters that we wish we could publish in full. Lack of space prevents this; but we herewith give the digest as nearly as we can. We regret that some responses came too late for this special issue. While we could not give the letters of all, we deemed it would not be out of place to begin with Mrs. Kent's, as she is the newly elected member of the Central Committee.

"We feel that the work of the W. M. U. in our State is a very important one, and the editor of The Record shows his recognition of the fact by extending the paper to us for our special use this week. We have for a long time wanted to know more of woman's work in other associations, and the fact that we shall have the opportunity of gleanings from this digest made up of reports from our sister vice-presidents makes us grateful. The W. M. U. work is comparatively new in Hopewell Association. It was incorporated at our meeting last October. Prior to this, there was only one W. M. U. though quite a number of the churches foster the L. A. S. Last March the Forest society was converted into a W. M. U., retaining only seven of the members. We now have thirty. Work done since last January list amounts to \$184.73. At Lake, under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. Tom, their gifts amounted to \$164.72. Morton, with Mrs. Paul Sigler, as president, is doing a magnificent work. And we have a new W. M. U. at Liberty. This makes only four societies among our twenty-two churches, but we have only three churches on the railroad. As soon as the roads become passable, we hope to have others enlisted for the Master's service. We have adopted the standard of excellence, send quarterly reports, observe special weeks, have devotional exercises, subscribe for 'Our Mission Fields,' 'Foreign Mission Journal,' and our own 'Baptist Record.'

What is to hinder progress in our Lord's work when our hearts are in it?  
"Mrs. Bessie E. Kent, Vice-President of Hopewell Association."

Dr. W. H. Provence, of Virginia, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Clinton church. He will go to work on September 15.

Chickasaw Association has 28 churches and 9 societies. They have not yet met all apportionments, but send quarterly reports and observe special weeks of prayer. An associational meeting is held. Mrs. Truman Gray, of Waynesboro, is vice-president.

In Sunflower Association we have a round dozen societies. There are 21 churches in the association. Miss Bettie Shuford, of Lyon, is our vice-president. The societies meet their apportionments. While they have no "A-1" societies, they strive to reach the ideal set before us in the standard of excellence.

Mrs. Lida V. Taylor, Vice-President for Zion Association, says: "Woman's work in our association is, we hope, beginning indeed now." There are 42 churches and three societies, with two others to be organized in the near future. With the exception of one society these were organized but recently. They are doing good work. The apportionments are met and quarterly reports are sent.

We are sure the W. M. U.'s of the State will join us in thanking Dr. Lipsey for the courtesy extended us in allowing us the use of the pages of The Baptist Record. Sisters, let us each show our appreciation by sending in at least one new subscriber; by sending in a number of new ones, if we find our community needs to be canvassed.

Thursday, August 22, 1912.

Lauderdale County Association has 26 churches and 8 societies. All these are in and around Meridian and are united in a city Baptist Mission Union which is presided over by the vice-president of the association, Mrs. I. J. Brunson. They send reports, observe special weeks, hold the associational meeting which is presided over by some one appointed by the vice-president if she cannot be there herself.

Deer Creek Association has 30 churches with 14 societies. They meet their apportionments, and in some cases exceed them. A number observe special weeks and there is a demand for literature. Only three titheers are known to the vice-president, Mrs. F. L. Martin, of Indianola, but it is her purpose to stress this, this coming year. They hold the associational meeting and have adopted the standard of excellence. This work was organized five years ago and has made excellent progress.

Columbus Association has 29 churches and 18 societies. Nearly all send quarterly reports. The stronger societies observe the weeks of prayer. There are a number of titheers, but just how many is not known. An associational meeting is always held and is earnest and enthusiastic. Last year the apportionment was far more than doubled; almost three times as much as was asked for. The standard of excellence has not yet been adopted, but we are sure it will be shortly. Mrs. S. L. St. John, of Brooksville, is the efficient vice-president.

Louisville Association is under the faithful leadership of Mrs. J. H. Campbell, of Louisville. While there are in the association thirty-two churches and only two societies, yet this should not be considered altogether discouraging. As a pastor in that association remarked to the distressed vice-president some days since: "Remember, the seeds are just now being sown; we must wait for the harvest." And with the help of the faithful few she is still sowing—and waiting. Sisters of Louisville Association, wake up! come to the rescue of your vice-president and claim as your own the joy that belongs to the Master's workers.



Mrs. S. E. Hemeter.

Mrs. S. E. Hemeter is vice-president for the Pearl Leaf Association, has twelve societies organized and two more under way. That will give an organization in just half the churches, for there are 28 within the bounds of the association. The apportionments are met and the special weeks are observed. Ten or twelve titheers are known in the work. An associational meeting is always held and the standard of excellence has been adopted. Mrs. Hemeter's address is Seminary.

Thursday, August 22, 1912.

## THE BAPTIST RECORD



Mrs. D. W. McLeod.

Mississippi Association is under the vice-presidency of Mrs. D. W. McLeod, near Summit. The churches are largely made up of country congregations and the number is many. There are reported about 13 societies, but there are several others doing good work at home that have never been reported. Mrs. McLeod is most active in the work, going with her husband on evangelical meetings and stirring up the sisters to good works.

Chickasaw Association, in which Mrs. D. H. Hall, of New Albany, is vice-president, has 22 churches and 11 societies. The work there is being developed slowly, but we are sure that permanent growth will result. The apportionment has not always been met and no associational meeting has been held, but one will doubtless be this coming association.

Mrs. Mattie Leavell, of Oxford, is vice-president of Oxford Association. There are 25 churches and 11 societies. An associational meeting is held and there are a number of titheers. Some of the societies observe the special weeks of prayer, and some have the standard of excellence under consideration.

Mrs. Mary Reed Pegues is vice-president in West Judson. There are 24 churches and 7 societies. An associational meeting is held though the vice-president is not always able to attend. She sees to it, however, that someone else takes charge. Some of the societies meet their apportionments. The special weeks are observed and the offerings are taken in some of the societies.

In Rankin County Association there are 27 churches and 4 societies are reported. Mrs. J. T. Longmire, of Pelahatchie, has but recently accepted the work of vice-president and we are sure under her leadership the association will be developed rapidly in the near future. They are aiming at the standard of excellence and will hold an associational meeting this fall.

From Copiah Association comes the report of fifteen societies and twenty-two churches. The apportionments are generally met. Most all send quarterly reports. The number of titheers is not known. The special weeks of prayer are observed by some societies. The standard of excellence has been adopted by a few of the societies. Mrs. J. D. Granberry, of Hazlehurst, is vice-president.

Mount Pisgah Association has forty-one churches; eight with organized societies. These, as a rule, have two meetings each month. They

come up fairly well on apportionments. All do not send in quarterly reports, but under the leadership of their new vice-president, Miss Ora M. Lewis, of Neshoba, they promise better results. They have held no associational meetings, but will do so this fall. The special weeks of prayer are observed by some of the societies.

Lebanon Association, with 34 churches has 22 well organized societies; all town churches are organized and several in the country churches. Most of the societies hold a meeting each week though some meet twice a week. The apportionments are all met, and the standard is adopted by a number. Mrs. J. B. Jarvis, of Laurel, is the valuable vice-president. An associational meeting is always held.

Harmony Association is made up of 35 churches, and we have in five of them societies. Miss C. F. Ferguson, of Lena, is the vice-president. Because of the distance from the churches the ladies do not accomplish the work they would like, but some societies are doing good work. The worthy vice-president hopes for better results in the future.



Miss Bell Stigler.

Yazoo Association has 16 societies in her 44 churches. Only about half of them send quarterly reports. The apportionments are not fully met, but the special weeks of prayer are observed. Miss Bell Stigler, of Lexington, is vice-president. An associational meeting is always held.

Mrs. W. A. Roper, of Kosciusko Association, is the wife of the pastor at Kosciusko. There are 35 churches and 9 societies. Most of the churches are off the railroad, and with the bad roads to contend with, the work has not been the success that the faithful vice-president longs to make of it. The societies do not always send in reports, nor has the standard of excellence been adopted. The associational meeting is sometimes held. Some of the societies keep up the mission study class all of the time.

Mrs. R. L. Bunyard, vice-president of Bogue Chitto Association, reports twenty societies from the twenty-seven churches of the association. Apportionments are more than met. The weeks of prayer are observed, but some fail to send in quarterly reports. The standard of excellence has been adopted. There are twenty titheers in one society, and a number in other church societies. Bogue Chitto is splendidly organized in having a council to assist the vice-president, consisting of a secretary, a Sunbeam leader, a Y. W. A. leader and personal service leader.

Holochitto Association, under the leadership of Mrs. H. D. Thames, of Picayune, has five societies. There are 28 churches. The apportionments are met, but they fail to send in quarterly reports from all the societies. About six titheers are known. An associational meeting is held and we trust that at the coming meeting this fall the standard of excellence will be adopted. The churches of this association are nearly all in the rural districts, but the pastors are becoming greatly interested in woman's work and fine results are sure to follow.

Strong River Association has 29 churches and 10 societies. Mrs. Mattie Hampton, of Magee, is vice-president. Most all meet their apportionments; some fail to send in quarterly reports. An associational meeting is held, and it is hoped at that time to find out the number of titheers and also to adopt the standard of excellence.

In Chester Association the work is just beginning to take a firm hold. There are 36 churches and they now have three societies. Six titheers are known in one society. There are perhaps others. The vice-president, Mrs. C. A. Torbert, hopes to hold an associational meeting this fall. That will be an impetus to greater things.

Tippah Association, with 30 churches, shows three lively societies, and others will be organized under the management of the vice-president, Miss Maggie Buchanan. An associational meeting is held; the standard of excellence has been adopted. Quarterly reports are being sent and the special weeks of prayer are observed.

Central Association, with her 39 churches, reports 27 working societies. The apportionments are met, but all societies do not send in quarterly reports. The special weeks are observed by most of the societies. The number of titheers is unknown, though there are quite a number. An associational meeting is always held by the vice-president, Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, of Clinton. Nearly all the societies have adopted the standard of excellence.



Mrs. Z. T. Champlin.

In Gulf Coast Association we have 23 churches and 10 societies. The first associational meeting was held last year, but it is the purpose of the women to hold one each year from this on. All have not sent in quarterly reports but promise to do better. Some of the societies observe the special weeks and they are now discussing the standard of excellence with a view of adopting it. Mrs. Z. T. Champlin, of Biloxi, is the vice-president.



## The Central Committee.

By G. W. Riley.



Mrs. G. W. Riley.

Committee and its officers shall be appointed by the State Board.

This statement clearly sets forth the manner in which the Central Committee comes into existence.

Article IX of the same by-laws reads: "The Woman's Central Committee shall manage the affairs of the W. M. U. between annual meetings and also transact any special business committed to it. The Woman's Central Committee is directed to form and maintain the closest possible connection with the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and to be under their supervision and direction."

Herein is set forth the function of the Central Committee, to wit: that it shall be a link between our various boards and the general W. M. U. of the State.

At the first meeting of the State Mission Board after the annual convention this committee and its officers are appointed and shortly thereafter the committee comes together and takes up the discharge of its duties; the transacting and endorsing of the recommendations of our State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the devising of prudent plans for carrying on the work.

In former years this committee had its headquarters at Meridian, the home of Mrs. W. R. Woods, our corresponding secretary of woman's work for thirteen years, and most of the members resided in Meridian. With the beginning of this convention year it was deemed wise to transfer the base of operations to Jackson, where our State secretary of missions has his office, and the committee is now composed, with two exceptions, of members living in or adjacent to Jackson.

In passing, it is fitting to pay a tribute to Sister Hackett and her capable band of associates who for some years served with wise fidelity on the Central Committee. We owe them a debt of gratitude and delight to do them honor.

The Central Committee meets at stated intervals during the year in the mission rooms of the First Baptist church, and when important matters are pending, the whole day is spent in prayerful counsel with scarcely a pause for luncheon.

The various phases of work are apportioned to the individual members. If a vice-president has resigned, the Central Committee appoints another to serve until the meeting of the association.

Prior to the meeting of the convention, they appoint the two delegates to the woman's meeting, from the list of names sent in by those expecting to attend—all things being considered, usually in the order in which the names are received.

If special programs are to be arranged for, this duty is theirs, too; the printing of special literature not provided for by the headquarters at Baltimore. In short, all the numerous details of carrying on the business of the W. M. U. during the intervals of the State conventions devolves upon the Central Committee.

An erroneous impression has prevailed that

much of the work of this body originates with and is authorized by the corresponding secretary of the W. M. U.

No doubt this is due to the fact that this officer comes more closely and frequently in touch with the societies because of the correspondence, keeping of records, and other special duties of her office. This impression was strengthened by the fact that long years of experience and efficient work fitted our former beloved secretary to be the court of last resort in all matters pertaining to the W. M. U. and we were not slow to take advantage of the situation.

The corresponding secretary is appointed by the State board and her duty is to keep the financial records and carry out the wishes of the Central Committee as they plan and work for the advancement of the cause, pending the time of the annual meetings; to make these plans known to the sisterhood of Mississippi, and seek their co-operation. These seven women of the Central Committee are all human, busy housewives like you, my sister. They need your prayers and help. Will you not accord them a place in your thought and interest that they have not held hitherto?

## The W. M. U. and Our Hospital.

By Bryan Simmons, Financial Sec'y.

The consecrated and zealous women of Woman's Missionary Unions are laying their hands to the different departments of the Master's work in an organized and systematic way. Their assistance has been felt and appreciated, not only in missionary endeavor, but also in the efforts to advance the college, the orphanage and the seminary. In the midst of other matters they have not been unmindful of our newest enterprise, the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Several unions contributed to the first amount raised. Many since then have sent boxes of supplies.

Now we are in the midst of a campaign to raise fifty thousand dollars for a much-needed building.

We hope to secure the co-operation of many of the sisters individually and as unions, in this undertaking. The Master spent much time in ministering to the sick and accomplished much through His efforts. Our missionaries today on the foreign fields are following His example with telling effect.

Our little hospital at Jackson, the only one in the State run as a Christian institution, is rendering efficient service and accomplishing much good, but it is too small, and its influence for Christ is not near what it will be when the new building is erected and provision is made for more systematic service. The new building will contain about twenty-five private rooms. Then there will be open wards sufficient to accommodate twenty patients. The present building will be rolled back and transformed into a nurses' home. The nurses will not only be trained to care for the body, but such a course will be given them in Bible study as will enable them to minister unto the spirits of the suffering and sorrowing.

Now, we ask the unions to consider this proposition.

We want them to give \$2,500 during the next five years toward the building fund. This will pay for the building and equipment of two rooms.

These two rooms will be designated as the unions desire, and the names of those unions contributing will be preserved in said rooms.

May the Lord lead you to see the wisdom of this undertaking.

Mr. Walter Lackey, formerly of Clinton, now a superintendent of schools in a large city in the Philippine Islands, has made the editor of The Baptist Record a present of a useful and ornamental letter-opener of olive-wood from Jerusalem.

## The Value of Mission Study in Our W. M. U.

By Mrs. R. L. Bunyard.

The value of mission study in our societies is of so much importance and occupies such a prominent place that it is with hesitancy that I attempt to give just a few points of value.

I believe that in order to impress the great value of mission study we will have to note first the object of our W. M. U. and second, the women who compose the W. M. U.

"Its object shall be by prayer, contribution and the spread of information, to aid the home, foreign and Sunday School boards of the Southern Baptist Convention in giving the Gospel to the destitute in our own and heathen lands."

In reading the book of Acts we notice how abruptly it ends. It seems to be cut off in an unfinished condition, and we have the feeling that there is more to follow.

Is it not true that mission study supplies some of the lacking chapters, and is in a sense a sequel to the Acts?

We are told that the Acts of the Apostles might as well or better be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit. If so is not the Holy Spirit carrying on a wonderful work today, which is worthy of being studied by God's people?

We read that when Paul and Barnabas returned from their missionary journey the church assembled to hear them "rehearse all that God had done with them."

It seems that the church of today ought to be just as much interested in the work of her missionaries as was the early church.

We all know there can be little or no interest where there is no knowledge. We take up the evening paper and run over the list of deaths. If we find no name with which we are acquainted, we turn away with no interest in or sympathy for the grief stricken hearts of the bereaved, simply because we do not know the people who have died. Illustrations could be multiplied to show that it is the thing which we know most about that interests us the most, and the lack of interest among Christians concerning the extension of God's Kingdom is due, we believe, to a lack of knowledge of what God has done and is doing among all nations.

We very much appreciate the great value of Our Mission Fields, because it supplies in concise and attractive form the material needed that our women may become informed upon the important things fresh from the fields. We believe this knowledge will beget an interest in God's world-wide field.

When we have gained definite information and developed an interest in the Kingdom we shall pray more intelligently.

We are all familiar with the all-inclusive missionary prayer. "God bless all the world and all missionary operations everywhere." But what is needed today is definite prayer for definite needs of definite people in definite fields. We shall be able to pray thus when we know definite needs, definite fields, definite missionaries.

We shall also give more intelligently and where it is needed most if we study missions in the right spirit.

The Bible, too, will be opened to us in a new way, and we shall learn to interpret its true missionary significance. We shall catch from the characters there portrayed God's great love for all the world. We shall understand how Christ came not to save a few, but all men. We shall see the great life-purpose of Paul, and be led like him to give up ourselves to the great aim of glorifying our Lord. Besides supplying knowledge to interest and making prayer intelligent and effectual, and stimulating, increased systematic, joyous giving. We believe the great value of mission study is the reflex influence upon the student's own character, to broaden our ideas and sympathies in general, and make us a more symmetrical and broad-minded individual.

Now, let us look for a moment at the women who constitute our union. Are they not the busy wives and mothers? Is there a more important class in our land? It is impossible for



Mrs. R. L. Bunyard.

me to give the great good that comes to the homes through them from the study of missions. They have to study geography again. Our old ones will not do to keep up with the political changes since we studied geography. Our knowledge of history is called into use and the history that is making every day has to be kept up with. Current events have to be on our finger ends. All this brings mothers in close touch with their growing boys and girls, but most of all, it enables mothers to teach their children to see the world as Christ sees it, and to feel for it as He feels for it. It helps them to train their children to be active, thoughtful workers.

## When the Angels Kept the Minutes.

By Miss Mary Ratliff.

The little, new secretary had tarried a while with the gray-haired president of the Raymond Missionary Union, and for some time had been carefully examining the book containing the constitution, by-laws and minutes of the missionary society as the members still called it.

Presently, she looked up and said:

"I see that the society must have disbanded from 1884 to 1885. Why was that?"

"Oh, no," said the president, "we changed while Brother Pettigrew was our pastor in 1878 from a ladies' aid to a missionary society, organized, as you will see by the constitution, for the purpose of doing three things—namely: to raise money for missionary purposes, to communicate missionary intelligence, and to pray for success of missions; and there has never been a time since then when we have failed to hold regular meetings."

"But," said the secretary, "I see no minutes for that time, and they are all here up to this year, 19—, except that."

"Well," said the aged president, folding her work, and tears filling her eyes, "I guess those minutes were kept by the angels in the books above."

"I'll tell you about it. About that time we had no pastor, and as usual at such times some became demoralized and ceased coming. Others were prevented by sickness and in other ways, and it looked like the society might fail."

"My mother had been hurt in a run-away and was a cripple, suffering constantly but able to sit up and be rolled around in a chair. The burdens of life pressed very heavily on me, for I had to nurse her and teach school, too, for a living; so I couldn't give as much time to church work as I once did."

"However, every Monday, old Sister Jennings would come to my home, sometimes to

spend the day and sometimes just for the afternoon and those two saintly souls would have the missionary society whether any one else was there or not. They would sew with their stiff and trembling fingers and the garments they made were sold and given to missions. They would talk so sweetly of the Master's work, and they prayed so earnestly for His Kingdom to come that I'm sure, as I said, the angels kept the minutes. I believe that the Master especially blesses the faithful few who stand fast in the trying times and carry on their part of His work for love's sake, however small it may be. You have just begun your work for Him. May you ever have the spirit of Sister Jennings and your Aunt Ann Carliss. It is to such souls as these that God trusts His work of redemption of a sinful world."

"Help us, then, Lord, to be faithful," said the little new secretary, softly, as she closed the book. And in the years that came, in times of discouragement, there often appeared to her the picture of the two dear old ladies with the peace of heaven in their faces, holding their missionary society. And she remembered the Master's words: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst to own and bless them."

## The Ladies' Aid.

Author Unknown.

The old church bell had long been cracked;

It's call was but a groan;

It seemed to sound a funeral knell

With every broken tone.

"We need a bell," the brethren said,

"But taxes must be paid;

We have no money we can spare—

Just ask the Ladies' Aid."

The shingles on the roof were old;

The rain came down in rills,

The brethren slowly shook their heads

And spoke the "monthly bills."

The chairman of the board arose,

And said, "I am afraid

That we shall have to lay the case

Before the Ladies' Aid."

The carpet had been patched and patched

Till quite beyond repair,

And through the aisles and on the steps

The boards showed hard and bare.

"It's too bad," the brethren said;

"An effort must be made

To raise an interest on the part

Of members of the Aid."

The preacher's stipend was behind,

The poor man blushed to meet

The grocer and the butcher as

They passed him on the street;

But nobly spoke the brethren then,

"Pastor, you shall be paid!

We'll call upon the treasurer

Of our good Ladies' Aid."

"Ah!" said the men, "the way to heaven

Is long and hard and steep;

With slopes of ease on either side,

The path is hard to keep.

We cannot climb the heights alone;

Our hearts are sore dismayed;

We ne'er shall get to heaven at all

Without the Ladies' Aid!"

## Hospital Notes.

The ladies will, I am sure, be pleased to read the following:

The W. M. U's of Purvis and Eastabuchie have given \$5.00 each cash for the hospital building fund.

The W. M. U's of Terry and Bethesda gave \$25.00 each.

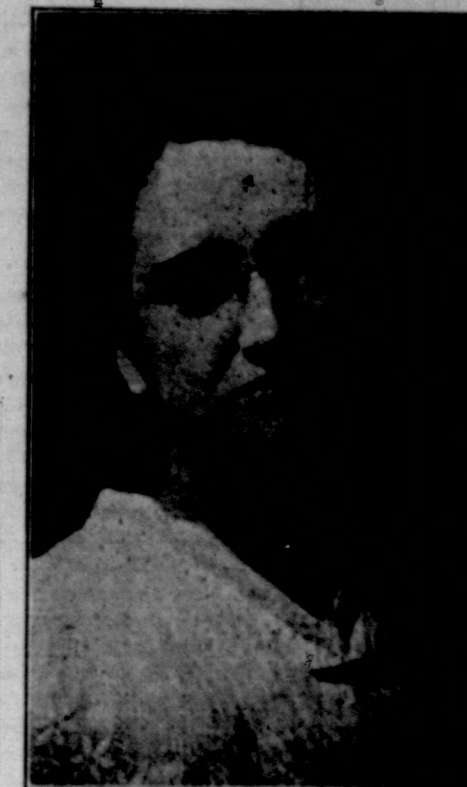
The W. M. U. at Durant, gives \$100.00.

We bless the Lord for the labors of His noble women.

Bryan Simmons.

## The Pastor and the Woman's Society.

By Mrs. Harry Leland Martin.



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If the church is properly organized and the activities properly correlated the pastor will be recognized not only as pastor of the church, but also as pastor of the Sunday School, the Young People's Union and the Woman's Society. It is—or at least, should be—fair to assume that he is both interested in the work which the women are doing and well-informed concerning it, and will therefore deem it a duty as well as a privilege to aid as much as possible in the work. In what ways will his help be of value?

1. The pastor can influence the church to take official interest in the work of the women, electing the society officers from nominations by the society, receiving regular reports of the work and according to the society a generous moral support.

2. He can preach from time to time on the Scripturalness and rightful place of woman's work and the many considerations which should impel Christian womanhood to earnest service for the Savior. A preaching hour has sometimes been given over entirely to the presentation of the society's work. An interesting program is rendered, an earnest call for recruits is made and some useful members are added to the society.

3. He should in his pulpit announcements give prominence to the work of the society, testifying to the interesting character of the meetings and directing attention to any special feature of the program or anything of importance in connection with the work.

4. He will, of course, commend the work of the society privately, in conversation, and strive to enlist among the membership those who are not already interested.

5. Where the leaders in the society are inexperienced the pastor can often be of the greatest assistance in arranging programs for the meetings and suggesting plans and methods of work. He will, of course, insist that only Scriptural methods shall be followed in the raising of money, etc., and can often point out opportunities for much needed personal service which might otherwise pass unnoticed.

6. Where the pastor resides on the field, his library—which, of course, will contain some up-to-date missionary books—may be placed at the disposal of the society members and will be of great service for reference in selecting readings preparing papers, etc.

7. He will from time to time attend the



meetings of the society not regularly, as a general thing, but often sought to encourage the members by thus sharing his own and the church's interest in the work. His very presence will tend to make the meetings more spiritual, and a few earnest timely words will never fail to do good.

8. When asked to read the devotional exercise or to take some other part in the program, he will consider this a valuable opportunity and will prepare himself for it most thoroughly.

9. Where no one else will consent or is qualified to lead in mission study, this work will devolve upon the pastor. In conducting his class he should faithfully endeavor not only to teach missions, but more particularly to discover and develop among his class some leaders who can continue and enlarge the work.

10. He will seek to influence the leaders in the society—and any others who may be especially benefited—to attend the associational and conventional women's meetings that they may acquire the broad outlook, high ideals and deep devotion to the work which characterize such meetings and bring back something of this inspiration and equipment to their sisters at home.

The Kingdom of God presents no "sign of the times" more encouraging than the deeper and ever-deepening sympathy between the pastors and the women of the churches in their glorious common work. The might of misunderstanding and opposition has passed; the day of appreciation and cooperation has dawned radiant with promise. Christ wants and honors "ladies' aid" as well as "laymen's work." In rendering this "aid" among new conditions and opportunities, the women need, more than ever before, the counsel, leadership and sympathy of their pastors. Without it they will be sadly handicapped and the work will be seriously hindered; but with this inspiration and assistance, under heaven's favor, organized Baptist womanhood will become indeed a tremendous and blessed factor in the advancement of the cause of our Christ.

### A Few Words About Sunbeams.

By Mrs. S. Smith.

One of the most interesting and important branches of the W. M. U. work is the children's department.

While this line of work is so important and interesting, it is the hardest to keep organized; this is no fault of the children, however, for they are generally very enthusiastic workers when properly handled.

It is urged that every Woman's Missionary Society be responsible for the organization of a Sunbeam Band and Royal Ambassador chapter, but, of course, we all know that every Mississippi W. M. U. cannot boast of having them, but they might have if they would only try. However, we have quite a number of fine bands and a few Royal Ambassadors for chapters that are doing splendid work. The convention year just closed, our Sunbeams met their apportionment, both for home and foreign missions, besides contributing to other things. Now it is not only the money aimed at we have in view for our children, but the development of the child along the lines of mission study, mission thought, and then mission giving.

Perhaps at no time in the history of band work in the State has it been on so substantial a footing; the program being arranged so as to interest and instruct the child, naturally appeals to him, and creates the desire to do something to spread the Gospel. I have great faith in the rising generation; they are going to do better work and more work than we have ever done if we are faithful to the trust imposed upon us. To the women of today falls the honor and responsibility of training the future Baptist church for the next twenty years, along the lines of mission thought, and mission giving.

Will we be true to the trust?

### Our Y. W. A. Work.

By the Leader, Marion Bankston.

There are a few Southern Baptist people who do not know what the letters "Y. W. A." mean. Is there one in Mississippi who does not know that this stands for the Young Women's Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention? Long before its existence there came into the hearts of our great women leaders a realization that there was a missing link in woman's work; that maidenhood and young womanhood was passed with no preparation for the Master's service, and that the result was a working force sadly lacking in training and initiative. To remedy this and bring into play this latent power, plans were set on foot to effect an organization among the girls and young women. Y. W. A.'s sprang up in many of our churches and soon the younger girls formed Junior Auxiliaries. Could nobler mother-union ask a fairer daughter? Truly the force of this sweet relationship of mother and daughter should never be forgotten and no band of women should feel their duty done, or their organization complete, unless their daughters be also enlisted. The women of our State, always at the front in any missionary movement, perfected plans for this new work at the convention which met at Hazlehurst in 1906. Mrs. Martin Ball was chosen as its leader. Wisely and well was the choice made, for no more gifted, informed and consecrated woman lives in our State today. Having been affiliated with the woman's work of the Southern Baptist Convention since its earliest beginning, she is thoroughly conversant with its every phase. Her force and ability as a leader has been ably shown by the number of young women enlisted. They love and honor her, and have gladly followed her advice as she led them on to broader fields of usefulness.

During the spring of this year Mrs. Ball's health became such that she was forced to give up this cherished work to which she had given so much thought and time. From all parts of the State have come expressions of sympathy and regret at losing so able a leader. May God give her health and strength and many more years of usefulness.

Let us briefly touch on a few things our Y. W. A.'s are doing. They are really studying. Through the eyes and imagination of gifted writers, they are visiting country after country; and, as the women and children of these lands tell their pitiful stories of sorrow and degradation, of homes without Christ, and hearts without a single ray of hope, the hearts of these young students are set on fire with a zeal to help alleviate this suffering. Here and there this zeal grows, and a missionary is born. They are obeying Christ's first command and are "looking upon the fields." Again, they are studying to better conditions in the home church, in town and city; and are finding out how many it is to be a "foreign" missionary in our own America. Who can estimate the value of these fresh young lives doing personal service for Him as they visit the sick and inners, meet with the mothers and children of the firm, read to them and carry fruits and flower, teaching them first to better their conditions physically; then awakening in their poor, starved souls a desire for that higher, better life? Again, they sew and gather together clothes for motherless children, teach in mission Sunday Schools and help the pastor and his wife in many a noble undertaking. They, also, are learning to preside at meetings with dignity and correctness, to lead in prayer, and talk easily and well on subjects assigned them, but with a certain modesty and lack of self-consciousness that is altogether charming. A certain Northern woman, attending one of our meetings of Southern Baptist women, was heard to make this remark: "Our Northern women know things, but would they might learn to tell them in the charming, gracious manner that characterizes the address of your women of the South!" Does it not behoove us to live

up to this well deserved compliment?

Thus our girls work and study and pray and each life develops until it becomes a thing of symmetry and beauty, each member a workman that never needs to be ashamed, for hand, brain and heart are all trained in His service. It is beautiful to see the manner in which these young women give of their means, as well as time. By tithing and other ways suited to local conditions, they help support our training school for young women missionaries at Louisville, Ky., our mountain schools, of whom Mrs. A. E. Brown is superintendent, give to all our mission objects, and, besides doing much home work, they send one young woman to the training school each session.

We now have enrolled 50 auxiliaries and several others who have not sent in their names. We are sorry to say that some of these are not sending in their reports though they have been written again and again. It is hoped they are doing good work, but our young women receive no credit for this.

God grant that this woman's edition of The Baptist Record may give an impetus to the work that it has never known; that hearts may be deeply stirred and resolutions made to put God's work on a much higher, nobler plane, and that many others may enlist who have never made a sacrifice, never have done one single thing for the Christ who revolutionized the whole standard of womanhood and lifted her from a life of degradation and sin. Women have been loyal to Him through all ages, suffering persecution and even death. Would we be any less loyal?

### Congratulations!

My Dear Sisters of the W. M. U.:

I congratulate you on this beautiful edition of The Record. It bespeaks the spirit of enterprise that has ever characterized your Union so helpful in the work of the Kingdom. You have wrought well throughout these years, and in no one of them more commendably than in this. For weeks in the early part of the year about all that was given to missions came from the W. M. U.'s. As Mary was first at the tomb of her Lord and ours, so you were first in this great mission year, record-breaking in its offerings to home and foreign missions. We are now in the last quarter preceeding the meeting of our State Convention. May I not urge that these few weeks be consecrated to the cause of State Missions, and that you will seek to make the record in behalf of this cause equal to that of the other departments of that great work whose banner over us is love for "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

A. V. Rowe.

### This Number.

The W. M. U.'s of our State have always appreciated the encouragement and help given us by the editors of our State paper.

If it had not been for the page allotted to us in The Baptist Record, we could never have accomplished what we have; and now comes this splendid opportunity from Dr. P. I. Lipsey, the new editor, of putting the W. M. U. work before our State by making one issue entirely a Woman's Missionary Union number. We are deeply grateful for this opportunity and recognition. We wish also to thank the faithful editor of our W. M. U. page, Mrs. T. J. Balfey, for the time and talent she has given in getting up this issue and in making it what it is.

Besides the articles which go to make up this issue, we were asked to emphasize a few points which we do elsewhere.

Before appending them, however, we wish to lovingly greet each one and ask a blessing upon you as you perform the year's work.

Yours in the work,  
Mrs. W. A. McComb, President  
of W. M. U. State Convention.

Those who are working in meetings and can use sample copies of The Baptist Record to advantage will confer a favor upon us by asking for them.

### Some W. M. U. Workers of Mississippi.

By Miss Margaret McRae Lackey.

Some short time ago the editor of the woman's page in The Baptist Record sent forth a call to W. M. U.'s over the State asking for information regarding the work in the past in their individual societies. Any matter of interest was called for. The object was two-fold. First, to give to the State certain items that might prove an example and inspiration; second, to glean from over the State something of the biography of faithful ones who had in the past made the work the success that it not only is now but that it is destined to become.

From the few who have responded to the call and from other sources we have gained some information that seems worth while to be added to this issue of The Record.

### We would speak first of SOME MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES.

Perhaps it is natural that more thoughts turn toward Mrs. Janie Lowrey Sanford Graves, when we mention women missionaries of Mississippi, than to any other one. Way back in 1881, when with heart all bleeding over the recent loss of her young husband, Rev. J. W. Sanford, who is known as "the golden-tongued," she gave her life to the foreign mission cause and took up the arduous task of teaching the Chinese in California. At this time the Foreign Mission Board had no funds and could not send her. But our State Convention recommended that she be sent immediately and the denomination in Mississippi was pledged for her support. After some years of work there she was married to Dr. Graves and went with him to Canton, China, where she continues to this day. The Father of comfort spare her to us for years to come to prove a still greater blessing and inspiration.

In 1885 Mississippi sent to the Dark Continent a faithful worker in Mrs. W. J. David, who went with her husband as missionary to Africa. That same year Miss Emma Fox became the wife of Missionary Puthoff and went with him to Brazil. Coming on down the years, leaving unnamed some whose names should be here, we mention the two brilliant and lovable girls, Mary Anderson and Pearl Caldwell, both of whom are today doing for us the work in China.

Turning toward Home Mission work, the name of Mrs. M. J. Nelson rises before us. Her name, and these of her co-laborers, Miss Emma Gardner, now Mrs. J. A. Hackett, and Miss Cora Montgomery. How faithfully they labored in New Orleans when the Baptist cause was so weak and the laborers so few! Later on, Miss Minnie Alford joined this band of workers. Since that far day a number of Home Mission workers have gone out from the State to proclaim in a woman's way the message of her Master.

### SOME STATE OFFICERS OF THE W. M. U.

Among the early workers, we find the name of Mrs. J. B. Gambrell. Her heart was always warm toward the cause. She was a member of the first central committee, ap-

pointed by Dr. H. A. Tupper. While Dr. Gambrell was editor of the State paper, she spread, through its columns, with her facile pen, the information so much needed by sisters all over the State. She sowed with a ready hand, and the seeds sprang up, are still springing up into a golden harvest.

On that same Central Committee was Mrs. J. L. Johnson who was elected as president, and whose brilliancy and culture are only exceeded by her gentleness and saintliness. Like dear Mrs. Graves, she is still with us to counsel and guide. Long may she be spared! Time would fail us to make special mention of Mrs. H. J. Hillman, Mrs. Quince, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Longino, Mrs. Bozeman, Mrs. Aven, Mrs. McComb and she who has so recently gone Home—Mrs. W. R. Woods. Thanks be unto the Father for such a galaxy of leaders.

### SOME IN THE RANKS.

When Central Association met in 1881, at Bethesda church, the question of ministerial education was being discussed. Brother George Whitfield, in speaking to the report, said: "Our young ministers in Mississippi College are in need. Among other things, they need bacon and greens." One sister in the congregation caught the remark and said to herself: "If they had a home with a garden attached, they could grow the greens."

With her characteristic vim and determination and energy, and faith, she went home and went to work. Scarcely a month elapsed between the years 1881 and 1886 that some article from her insistent pen did not appear in The Baptist Record in regard to the young ministers' cottage. It is needless to say that her years of labor were rewarded, and today not only Nelson Cottage, for which she toiled, but a whole row of ministerial cottages stand as the outcome of the work of Mrs. W. T. Ratliff of Raymond. During this time there were home-keeping cares, and little children to clothe and feed and educate; there were neighbors wanting the helpful hand and word that never failed; the pastor looking for encouragement that was always given, and the Woman's Missionary Society that rarely failed her attendance. But amid the multitudinous cares the need of the preacher boys clamored loudly and met the response. What a rebuke is her life to many of us who neglect the task because we are but one, perhaps, but a few! What an inspiration is her life to us to take courage, knowing that if the seed is sown in His name, it will spring up into an abundant harvest in His time!

From out the past, there stand forth the names of two mothers in Israel whom we will ever rise up and call blessed. One lived in her quiet little country home at Blue Mountain in north Mississippi, and the other dwelt in various humble cottages, wherever her husband's work called him in south Mississippi. Both were gifted with keen insight, strong intellect, high purpose and exalted faith. Both heard the high and holy call of motherhood and wore it like a crown of glory. We bow in reverence as we mention the names of Mrs. M. P.

Lowrey and Mrs. E. C. Kager. Who stand two others who have done more for their State, their nation, their Lord as these two of blessed memory?

These simple annals of our work, some past, some present, would be by no means complete were no some mention made of three mothers in Israel who labored long and faithfully in the Clinton society—Mrs. W. S. Webb, Mrs. John Abbe and Mrs. Mary Menger. The first named has long since gone to her reward; the last two are still lingering this side the river, waiting patiently the summons, still true to their society and still a blessing and a benediction to all with whom they come in contact. God bless our aged ones who have borne the heat and burden of the day and made the work possible for weaker ones coming after.

Mrs. I. W. Tillman taught school thirty-nine years, twenty-seven of which were in Raymond, Mississippi. During the whole of this time she read and explained the Bible and prayed every day with her pupils. Her pastor wrote of her when she died: "This good woman was always a blessing to the church and the Lord did His part, for many of them grew; and she was one of a 'peculiar' people, zealous of good works. Thanks be to God for the helpfulness of her noble life to me. Walne how her beautiful roses."

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## SUNBEAM BEGINNINGS.

(We regret that lack of space prevents our publishing the interesting letters of "Cousin George" mentioned in Mrs. Gray's splendid article. But we hope to give them to our readers in another issue shortly.)

You ask that I tell you something of Sunbeam beginnings in Mississippi.

More than 25 years ago, in 1886, Dr. George Braxton Taylor, son of our noble missionary to Italy, made an appeal through the Religious Herald, and I met that appeal, in which Dr. Taylor called for volunteers in all the Southern Baptist Convention territory to organize the children into Sunbeam bands, to collect money for foreign missions. I responded to the call, saying that I would do my best to organize the State of Mississippi. Dr. Taylor accepted my offer, supplied me with constitution, mission programs, etc. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Gambrell I had access to the woman's missionary columns of the Mississippi Baptist Record. For while our W. M. U. was not formed until two years later, Mississippi, like many other states, had a woman's

er organization, and I would re-mail the same to any one offering to organize a Sunbeam band. I was a busy pastor's wife at Clinton, Miss., a college town with the usual demands upon the time and money of every pastor's home. I organized the first band in Clinton and my own three-months-old baby was the first Sunbeam enrolled. Mrs. Tyler, now of Chattanooga, was my able helper and her two lovely children, James and Ethel, were president and secretary. I think we numbered about fifty bright, wide-awake Sunbeams. I pause right here to say that when we had our Christmas program on "David Livingston" the collection for foreign missions amounted to nearly \$25.00.

Before the conventional year closed, Mississippi had enrolled thirty Sunbeam bands. I have Dr. Taylor's letter of commendation before me as I write.

Later when Dr. Gray accepted the pastorate at Hazlehurst, a band was organized there. Today the best mission-givers of that noble church are my grown-up Sunbeams.

On November 28, 1888, Dr. Taylor



Mrs. B. D. Gray.

The first Sunbeam leader in Mississippi.

of Dr. Taylor that all the grown-up Sunbeams may see the face of the beloved "Cousin George." His modesty prevents him from telling of his untiring labors in Sunbeam work.

In closing, I want to say that I have never done any work in my life that was sweeter or dearer to my heart than this volunteer work of organizing Mississippi Sunbeams. I still have in my possession an appeal that I made through The Record of February 17, 1888. If you have space, reprint it that our present-day workers may know what the

On December 24, 1888, Dr. Hugh P. McCormick, from Zacatecas, Mex., wrote to the Hazlehurst Sunbeams through me, their leader: "The \$15.00 fall like fifteen drops of dew upon a fainting flower, and I pray God that they may be the herald of at least as many hundred from your noble State. Be good enough to convey to those precious Sunbeams my grateful thank you, and God bless you."

Dear sisters, all of this is recorded not to magnify what I have done, but to bring again to mind the early work of the Sunbeams. Cannot we gain inspiration from reminiscences? If the Sunbeams did so well twenty-five years ago, cannot the leaders now inaugurate a great campaign for new bands in all the Southern Baptist territory? women were doing for the Master twenty-five years ago. (Letter will be printed later.—Editor.)

I would so much love to receive letters from my Sunbeams of the long ago that I might tell of them in the tract I am compiling for Miss Amos, corresponding secretary of the Georgia W. M. U.

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### Concerning Prayer.

"We may pray for Christ's sake." This is the Christian theory of prayer and this is the whole of it.—Phelps.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you . . . that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may (not shall) give it you."—John 15:16.

Prayer is walking and talking with God. God does not promise to hear the talk of those who do not walk with Him.

"Ask, because there is a giving by God which comes only from our asking. Prayer is a power. Through prayer God does things which would not otherwise be done. When He says, 'If ye ask, I will do,' He clearly hints that if we do not ask there will be some lack of His doing."—McConkey.

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## NEWS IN THE CIRCLE MARTIN BALL

Rev. H. H. Shin leaves the church at Lake Charles, La., and accepts the call to Douglas, Ga. He is now on his new field.

The church at Russellville, Ky., has called Rev. W. M. Seay, of Hampton, Mo. It is confidently expected that he will accept.

August 14, Pastor D. J. Miley closed a great meeting at Burns. Eight were received—all by baptism. The pastor did all the preaching.

The First church, of Williamstown, S. C., has called Rev. J. H. Thayer, of Ridge Springs, S. C., and he has accepted, to begin work at once.

Rev. H. F. Spurlis has resigned at Hustonville, Ky., the resignation to take effect December 15. He has not announced his future plans.

Pastor E. F. Wright, of Mobberly, Mo., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Williamsburg, Ky., church, and will begin work on Sept. 1.

The church at McCarley has called Rev. Harry Lee Spencer, of Coila. He has begun work and will hold a meeting, beginning the third Sunday in September.

Rev. L. D. Summers, of Puryear, Tenn., recently aided Pastor D. T. Spaulding at North Fork church, Henry county, Tenn. There were 22 received by baptism.

The First church, Fayetteville, Ark., has called Dr. A. N. Hall, of Stamford, Texas. It is thought that he will accept. There is no better kind of labor anywhere.

The Home Board force will hold a simultaneous meeting with the churches in Chattanooga churches, beginning September 22. A great time is expected.

Pastor A. L. Ingram, of Kenedy, Texas, held two meetings in July in which there were 85 additions to the churches. Fifty-two at Chaote, and 33 at Matcelina, Texas. He is a Mississippi product.

Evangelist T. T. Martin recently baptized his only son at Van Alstyne, Texas. If God should call him into the ministry, he would enjoy the prestige of a noble ancestry.

The Alabama Baptists will hold their annual encampment at Pelham beginning on August 20. A great meeting has been arranged for and a large attendance is expected.

Pastor D. J. Miley is this week conducting a meeting at Summerland. He is doing his own preaching, and the prospects for a good meeting are excellent.

Rev. W. W. Muirhead, of McCarley, held a great meeting with the Poplar Springs church, Carroll county, beginning the fourth Sunday in July. There were 8 additions—4 by baptism.

At Beatty the first Sunday in August, Pastor Muirhead began a meeting with Rev. H. L. Spencer to do the preaching. There were 11 additions and the church much revived.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Broadway church, Louisville, Ky., is now aiding in a meeting at the Ponce de Leon church, Atlanta, Ga. They certainly have selected a splendid preacher to aid the pastor.

Mr. T. C. Yantis, president of the board of trustees and president of a bank, is spending the summer months working for students for Howard Payne College. That looks right.

Evangelist H. R. Holcomb, of the Home Board, recently aided Pastor B. F. Threault, at Sturgis, Ky. There were 35 additions—25 by baptism. The Lord's favor rests on the Mississippi preachers.

The State Mission Board, of New Mexico, has elected Rev. E. B. Atwood, of El Paso, Tex., as State secretary of missions. He has accepted and will begin work September 1. This is a fine selection.

It is stated that not less than 2,500 people heard Dr. Johnston Myers the first night of the Texas encampment at Palacios and even a larger audience listened to Rev. W. A. Hamlett on the second Sunday night.

The Gideons, a band of Christian traveling salesmen, have placed 8,500 Bibles in Texas hotels. They are doing a great work in placing the old Book before the eyes of the people. Let the good work go on.

At Mt. Nebo church, Carroll county, where this scribe preaches once a month in the afternoon, a fine meeting closed last Friday. Pastor J. J. Mayfield did the preaching. He is thoroughly sound in the Baptist faith and presents the Gospel in a loving, attractive way. Even the other denominations enjoy his preaching the old Bible doctrines.

We are pained to learn of the severe illness of Brother W. J. Ball, of Hickory Flat. He is a cousin of the writer and much loved by all who know him. May the dear Lord spare him longer to preach His blessed Gospel to dying men.

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Rev. S. G. Mullins, the father of Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the seminary at Louisville, Ky., recently passed to his reward. He was a useful minister of the Gospel. We extend our sympathy to Dr. Mullins and all the sorrowing ones in this hour of sad bereavement.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM.

Lesson 8. August 25

Luke 4:16-30.

Visit to Nazareth.

Golden Text: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."—John 1:11.

Writers differ as to whether there was one or two trips made by Jesus back to His home in Nazareth. It really makes little difference as to whether He was once or more than once rejected by His own. The lesson remains clear for us; let us get it fixed firmly and deeply in our hearts and lives and never shame our Savior as did these who should have stood by Him—most faithful.

Perhaps, after the events of the lessons we have just finished, Jesus and His disciples made a journey throughout Galilee and in course of time reached Nazareth, His childhood home. Here Jesus had spent about thirty years of His life. Here were the friends with whom as a boy He had gone to school and played. Here was His carpenter's bench where He had worked for many of these who now met Him in the synagogue, for as had always from His earliest childhood been His custom, He went on the Sabbath Day to the synagogue to worship. Doubtless these old home friends were very curious about Him, for they had heard the stories that had come back regarding Him and His works in Capernaum.

It was the Jewish custom to allow anyone who wished to speak during service; so on this occasion, Jesus arose to show that He wished to take the place of the reader that day. The books they used were not like ours, but were long strips of parchment rolled on two sticks. Jesus took the book that was handed Him and unrolled to the prophet Isaiah and read the words which had been spoken five hundred years before. Turn to the 61st chapter of Isaiah and read it for yourself to-day. See how true it fitted the claims He made. When He had read, He sat down and then began to explain to them the real meaning of the Word. Our lesson tells how cruelly He was rejected and how He "went His way."

To what city did He remove?  
How had He become famous?  
Where was Nazareth?  
Was it Jesus' birthplace?  
How did Jesus grow up in Nazareth? (Luke 2:40.)

To what place did He go on the Sabbath?

What service did He perform in the synagogue?

What words did He read?

How did He explain the passage?

How had He been anointed?

What was His appointed work?

What was His mission to the poor?

Why was His hearers astonished?

What question did they ask about Jesus?

What more did they ask concerning Him? (Mark 6:3.)

How did Jesus answer them?

Why did He work no miracles there?

What proverb told what He thought of the situation?

How did His words affect the people?

What did they try to do?

What incident in the life of Elijah did Jesus refer to?

Where is this story found? (I Kings 17:18.)

Where was Zarephath? (This was a Gentile city and a Gentile woman.)

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